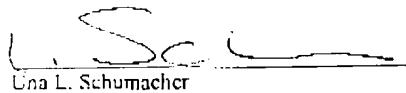


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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED FEBRUARY 21, 2003**

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 21, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-17 and 25-26, drawn to a portable electronic device comprising a slot to receive a card, classified in class 361, subclass 684.
- II. Claims 18-19, drawn to a portable electronic device comprising a housing and a slot for a pen, classified in class 361, subclass 686.
- III. Claims 20-24 and 27, drawn to a portable electronic device comprising a housing and a hand strap mount, classified in class 294, subclass 137.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I – Claims 1-17 and 25-26 on the merits with traverse.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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